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## PRESS AND PROTECTION.

In fulfilling its mission of giving to the world day by day the history of the preceding 24 hours, the reputable daily newspaper often omits many items which among certain classes might add to that spice which is the variety of news as of life, but the responsible editor never forgets that he has a responsibility of no small weight, and therefore refrains from publishing not a few pieces of intelligence simply from the fact that absolute confirmation may not at the moment be obtainable, and he prefers to retain a name for reliability and accuracy rather than cultivate questionable reputation for enterprise. This fact, however, of self-restraint in holding his peace when he might even without straining a point, cater to the curiosity and inquisitiveness of his readers, is of itself greatly in his favor when he does speak, for the utterances of one with authority and the readers of his journal recognize the fact that whatever he prints has been carefully considered, passed upon with deliberation by critical minds and is, therefore prepared to stand the test of the keenest scrutiny.

Several notable instances have recently been furnished of the value of legitimate newspaper enterprise and in exposing to the public view the methods by which the rich corporations, no matter of what character, are enabled to accumulate wealth greater than the dream of avarice could imagine. In every case of investigation it has appeared that the money was made by methods which the directors and managers were anxious to keep secret. It is impossible to believe that the vast fortunes accumulated by the managers of trust operations could be honestly acquired and the general impression of dishonesty is strengthened by every fresh revelation. Herculean efforts at concealment are of little avail, however, against the enterprise and industry of an honest press endeavoring to get the truth, for in one way or another the facts are extricated from even the most resolute trust magnate, and when they are the panic among evil doers of high station is just as pronounced as when a journal of low degree exposes the shortcomings of petty officials or divulges the hiding place of a gang of house-breakers.

There is, however, as anyone can readily observe, a marked difference in the handling of what may be called sensational news, just as there is in selecting what matter that shall be printed. "He may run that readeath," the headlines of the yellow journal when it treats its readers to a sensation or when it endeavors to make a sensation out of an occurrence of trivial importance, whereas the reputable paper treats the same affair with due regard, not only to its rela-

tive value, but also to its historic importance when compared with other occurrences chronicled in the same issue. A society scandal, involving two or three people of local social prominence, is of more importance to the sensation monger of the press than the issue of a battle destined to turn the courses of history and to be remembered in song and story for thousands of years. It is true that the social scandal may for the moment interest the readers of the low newspaper more than the story of the battle, but this fact only proves how large is the class whose views of life and the doings of the world are circumscribed by neighborhood lines. Publicity prevents crime. The maxim is true in a general application, but the kind of publicity afforded by the sensational journal and the novelist who reveals in stories of criminals and their ways, is far more likely to foster than to hinder the perpetration of criminal acts. When a train robber becomes a bandit king boys and young men of criminal tendencies will aspire to notoriety as train robbers. How many boys and young men have thus been deliberately and carefully educated as professional criminals is difficult to say, but the process is still going on and the criminal class increased.

It is a matter of record that most of the crimes committed in Astoria, and in Portland, are by young men, whose education was acquired by reading the Hearst system of yellow journals. Contrast the difference in the elevating and refining and almost absolute accurate matter contained in the Oregonian and that contained in the Examiner, Portland Journal, or any of the other Hearst journals. The Oregonian is found in the homes of the intelligent and refined, and the other papers have their readers from the lower and vicious element. Not but some of the better class read sensational journals, but they read them for the sensation, not for the reliability of the news furnished. The same care should be exercised in selecting a newspaper for home reading as in selecting books. The education of the children depends to a great extent upon the kind of literature permitted in the home. The homes of Astoria could be made brighter and better and the boys and girls more honorable and useful members of society, if more care were exercised in the selection of the reading matter. Only the highest standard of school books are permitted in the public schools and why should not the same rule apply to the home?

## ASTORIA'S PROSPERITY.

Not a prosperity created by a fictitious boom in wild cat speculation, but a boom of genuine, steady growth, characterizes Astoria today. People little realize the amount and extent of building that has been going on in Astoria the past year and still continuing today. The population of the city has increased more than one-third during the past five years. There have been more men, representing capital, visited Astoria this spring in search of investment, than at any time during the past five years. Astoria is finally recovering from the disastrous effects of the speculation in wild cat lots of 10 years ago, which has done more to injure the city and retard its progress than any other known cause. Astoria is becoming essentially a city of home builders which makes stability and creates a solid foundation for future greatness. While its population is essentially cosmopolitan, yet the element that once controlled the business and political affairs of the city is being supplanted by the refinement and intelligence of the new comers and a notable change has taken place which is felt in the church and social life. This influx of the more moral and refined class has shown its effect upon the criminal element that years ago made Astoria notorious and which it has taken years to overcome. There are fewer crimes committed in Clatsop county today than in any county of its size in the state. As a

rule in seaport cities, whose population is composed of all classes and conditions of people, increase in population is attended by an increase in crime but the inverse obtains in Astoria.

Another reason for the present prosperity is the enlargement of the mercantile establishments, comparing favorably with the same line in Portland. Time was when a large proportion of the population did the most of their trading in Portland, whereas today most of it is done with the home merchants and a large volume of money is kept at home in the legitimate channels of trade. No city can prosper when the money is constantly sent out of the city for supplies and necessities that can be purchased at home. The Astorian justly, too, claims credit for the increase in population and wealth. It is the only newspaper that has contained descriptive articles on Astoria and Clatsop county, and its wide circulation has given publicity to the many natural advantages and resources and the opportunities for legitimate investment, and this has been done without a dollar of recompense, except by increased advertising and subscription patronage, showing that its efforts have been appreciated.

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

Some anglers will today be out again. And by the brooklet's shore Will idly lie and fish and then Come home and lie some more.

At that there may be a lot of innocent bystanders in Chicago who are glad they are not out in Kansas.

The only sort of paving material that seems to be popular in Venezuela is the kind that is supposed to be in general use in hades.

A Portland Clubwoman says that the worst fate that can befall a clubwoman is to marry a man of inferior intellect. She is evidently in favor of the clubwomen remaining spinsters.

Mr. Bryan says that he will lead the democratic party back to the people. Mr. Bryan makes a mistake in thinking the people are standing behind the democratic party.

The Japanese bury their dead in a sitting position evidently with the intention of conveying the idea that even a dead Jap can sit up and take notice.

In Delaware two ministers have been expelled from the church for dealing in stocks. Another case of tainted money.

Those Chicago strike breakers would be all right if they could only get an injunction preventing the strikers from hitting them anywhere but on the head.

According to the dispatches in yesterday's Astorian the women of Toronto, Kan., have applied to John D. Rockefeller for money to rebuild their church, which was blown down by the recent tornado. They evidently propose to get even with God Almighty for sending that cyclone to Kansas.

Two highwaymen were arrested some time ago in Portland wearing evening dress and the papers made a great hubbub about it. But they don't mention the same kind engaged in the hotel and restaurant business.

There is something which seems to prove that Jeffries never was a true prize fighter at heart. He is about to retire from the ring and says he does not intend to open up a saloon.

A new island is to be built in New York bay. An island so near New York will be harder to civilize than one of the Philippines.

The man who never runs a bill But pays them as he should, Oft finds to his surprise when broke— His credit is no good.

So you think Rockefeller is a greater man than Shakespeare, said an Astorian man to the gentleman from Portland. "I sure do."

"And why?" "Well, a great many people claim that Shakespeare didn't write the plays, but there is no doubt whatever as to where Rockefeller got his money."

It is rather ungracious to criticize the evangelist for taking up a collection. Man cannot live by faith alone—in Astoria.

People in Astoria who cannot live in peace and harmony are fitting themselves for that portion of the next world where there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, and where they will be in their element. Like begets like.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

John Lewis of Fern Hill was in the city yesterday.

Link Parker of John Day was in the city yesterday.

Martin Ford returned yesterday from San Francisco.

Tall Thompson, a prominent insur-

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Mrs. A. J. Taylor of Flavel was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. A. F. Cooper of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

Major Langfitt of Portland left out for Alaska yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. Jones of Portland is visiting friends in Astoria.

W. E. Owens of Chinook registered at the Parker yesterday.

F. R. Johnson of Portland is registered at the Occident.

Dr. E. Klamke of Ilwaco was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.

R. A. Hawkins of Ilwaco registered at the Occident yesterday.

Mrs. Dr. W. C. Logan returned from San Francisco yesterday.

C. W. Brown of Salem was in the city yesterday on business.

Alfred Wallen of San Francisco is registered at the Occident.

W. B. Michel of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

Thos. E. Goring of Seattle was in Astoria yesterday on business.

Mrs. Word of Portland visited with friends in Astoria yesterday.

Harry L. Hamblet of Portland visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

C. S. McDuffee of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

L. E. Moore of Boston was among the arrivals in Astoria yesterday.

C. F. Loughary of Skamokawa registered at the Central yesterday.

Olof Erickson came in from his Lewis and Clark ranch yesterday.

Thos. Dorris, an old resident of Cathlamet was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. William O'Brien of Cathlamet visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

ance man of Portland was in the city yesterday and went over to Seaside.

Of Interest to Ladies.

The cutest, latest headgear for street use now at Herman Wise's. Just come out for the Lewis and Clark Fair; just the thing for the street or the beach, inexpensive, but very becoming. Wise is sole distributor for Astoria.

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